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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a CONTINUATION application of PCT/AU01/00312 filed on March 20, 2001 of:

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for PROCESS AND SOLUTION FOR PROVIDING A CONVERSION COATING ON A METALLIC SURFACE II. The application comprises a $\underline{40}$ -page specification, including $\underline{43}$ claims (1 independent) and Abstract, and $\underline{0}$ sheets of drawings.

Accompanying the application for filing is:

Preliminary Amendment.

A certified copy of Australian (AU) Application No. PQ6333, filed March 20, 2000, will be filed in due course, the priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

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